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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 30, 2005 in which claims 1-29 were subject to a Restriction Requirement. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group 11, claims 20-27. Applicants note that claims 1-19 were cancelled when this case was filed since claims 1-19 were issued in Patent No. 6,589,279.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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